

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

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Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price explains to her colleagues the merits of the Environmental Education and Passport Program. To implement the program, Vice Chairwoman Slater-Price authorized a \$15,000 community projects grant, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Slater-Price Promotes Park 'Passports'

Program Encourages Locals, Visitors to Get Outdoors

Looking for a wild time? Look no further than your local San Diego County park. A free, new program recently launched in time for the summer aims to educate San Diego County residents of any age about the flora, fauna and history of several regional parks.

"Just as 'staycations' continue to grow in popularity, we must provide new and exciting ways to enjoy our many local assets," Slater-Price said. "The county offers outdoor devotees nine camping parks, seven regional picnic parks and more than 44,000 acres of park land and open space, plus miles of hiking trails and so much more. What better way to enjoy it than to learn more about these valuable resources?"

The Environmental Education and Passport Program, approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on June 16, will allow participants to receive certificates recognizing them as "Official Naturalists."

The program provides "passports" to record attendance for at least six

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The San Elijo Nature Lagoon and its newly-reopened Nature Center is one designation visitors will find on their passport.

FIGHTING FIRE ...

Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price (right) listens as San Miguel Fire District Chief Augie Ghio updates members of SANDAG on issues relating to the Regional Fire Deployment Study, which addresses strategies and resources to improve the response to battling wildfires in San Diego County.



YOU CAN STAY INFORMED...

Get direct messages on the latest goings-on with Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price by following her Twitter updates. Items include breaking news updates and important decisions affecting your quality of life.

Twitter is a concise, 140-character update that is sent directly to a BlackBerry or iPhone. Sign up at www.twitter.com/PamSlaterPrice.

AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

News of Note

Gore Assumes Sheriff Command

William Gore has officially assumed the role of Sheriff of San Diego County, succeeding the retiring Bill Kolender. San Diego is the fourth largest sheriff's department in the nation and covers approximately 4,200 square miles. It has more than 3,800 employees.



Input Wanted on Land Rules

Guidelines covering future growth and development in the County of San Diego are now available for public review and comment. A special website has been set up at www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/.

The Department of Planning and Land Use will release both the draft environmental report and the revised General Plan Update, which was previously released for public comment in November, for a 60-day comment period. The General Plan Update remains on track to be presented to the Board of Supervisors next year.

The General Plan Update significantly improves land use and protects the environment better than the county's current plan, approved in the 1980s. The proposed plan balances growth with the needs to control traffic congestion, protect the environment and ease the strain on essential services such as water and fire protection.

Campers Beware of Plague

Two ground squirrels at the Doane Valley Campground on Palomar Mountain have tested positive for plague. Plague warning signs are posted in all areas where plague has been confirmed. Visitors should follow precautions to prevent contact with fleas that may carry the plague virus:

- Avoid contact ground squirrels, chipmunks and other wild animals.
- Do not feed or handle wild animals.
- Do not rest, camp or sleep near animal burrows.



OVERCOMING CHILDHOOD VISION DISORDERS ...

Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price is recognized by Sam Hardage, founder of the Vision of Children Foundation, whose mission is to cure hereditary childhood blindness and vision disorders, and to improve the quality of life of visually-impaired individuals and their families. Vice Chairwoman Slater-Price awarded a Third District community project grant to offset costs of hosting the seventh World Symposium on Genetic Vision Disorders that was held in San Diego. This year's theme was "Understanding the Pathway – Discovering a Cure."

Slater-Price Awards Community Grants

Promoting healthy lifestyles through team sports, helping students foster a love of Shakespeare, investing in communities during this economic downturn, and helping preserve the environment are four of the objectives met through the distribution of community project grants to organizations and non-profit groups in the Third District. The grants recommended by Vice Chairwoman Slater-Price were approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Grants were awarded to:

- **San Diego North Rotary Club** Each October, the club stages its Fun Run fund-raiser at Mt. Carmel High School involving families throughout the region. The money raised goes to good causes. The \$2,000 grant will help offset the cost of putting on the event.
- **San Diego Symphony Orchestra Association** The Tux 'n Tennies Summer Bash was held June 27 and the association used its \$2,500 grant to cover the costs of leasing a location, marketing and professional services.
- **Tierrasanta Community Council Foundation** Music echoes across the hills of Tierrasanta when the foundation stages its annual summer concerts. The \$3,000 grant goes toward renting sound equipment, hiring skilled personnel and marketing of the concerts in the park, which take place at the community center at 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
- **American Cancer Society** The 2009 Relay for

Life took place July 11 and 12 at Earl Warren Middle School in Solana Beach. The \$5,000 grant covered the costs to stage the fund-raiser.

- **San Diego North Chamber of Commerce** June 28 was this organization's "Celebration of Business." Its \$5,000 grant helped to put on the event.

- **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** "Monster Manor" and "Lite Frite" attractions are slated for fall; the \$5,000 grant means that guild members have the funds to build the sets for these events.

- **Tierrasanta Foundation** Appetites are ready as the "Taste of Tierrasanta" that arrives on Aug. 22. So that culinary lovers enjoy their delightful edibles, a \$5,000 grant will allow volunteers to rent the necessary equipment and venue.

- **Stone Soup Theatre Co.** This non-profit arts group is staging "Miss Julie" from Aug. 6 to 30 at the 10th Avenue Theatre in downtown San Diego. The \$5,000 grant provides the troupe funds to rent the location and market the play.

- **San Dieguito Youth Softball** This Encinitas-based girls recreational fast-pitch softball league will use its \$6,000 grant to offset the escalating costs of equipment, game balls, and uniforms.

- **FreePB.org** Volunteers with this group conduct beach cleanups in Pacific Beach on the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend holidays. The \$7,000 grant covers the costs of corrugated trash bins.

- **San Diego Soccer Club** Members will use its \$7,500 grant to purchase goals, nets, corner flags, game balls, field lining machines and security locks to ensure the equipment is safe in storage.

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JUST FOR KIDS...

A new day has dawned at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, which is undergoing a major expansion. The new Hamilton Children's Garden is part of the expansion, which became self-supporting in 1993. The first phase of the 4.5-acre expansion includes the Mediterranean Garden and Hamilton Children's Garden, the largest children's garden on the West Coast. Supporters of the non-profit gardens raised \$3.7 million, including a \$250,000 Third District community projects grant from Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price. Other large donations came from Frances Hamilton White, who gave more than \$1,000,000, and the Leichtag Family Foundation, which awarded a \$500,000 grant.



Paul Ecke III (left) and Liz Ecke, join Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price following the ribbon-cutting.



The ribbon is cut, marking the official opening of the Hamilton Children's Garden at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas.



Edgar Engert and Frances Hamilton White chat with Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price prior to the opening of the new Children's Garden.



Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price addresses the May luncheon of the Del Mar Seacoast Republican Women Federated group. There were about 60 attendees. Topics discussed included the county's financial health and the challenges pre-

sented by the state's fiscal crisis, the newly-reopened San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center, improvements made to the region's fire protection and an update on the changes that have occurred at local libraries.

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• **San Diego Shakespeare Society** Yes, the Bard is back! The 2010 San Diego Student Shakespeare Education Initiative and Festival will use its \$10,000 grant to cover the costs of renting select locations, designing and building sets, and marketing the event.

• **Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation** The group's annual Thanksgiving luncheon is this November, and the \$10,000 grant will offset the costs of renting a location, entertainment and staffing.

• **Cardiff Chamber of Commerce** Two events for the price of one grant! The Cardiff Chamber will use its \$11,000 grant to cover the permit costs for staging the popular Rob Machado Surf Classic and GREEN Expo, which takes place this year in September at South Cardiff State Beach.

• **The Old Globe** The premiere theater in San Diego hosts its annual fund-raiser on Aug. 1 in Balboa Park. The \$25,000 grant will allow the Globe Gala to offset the costs of entertainment, publicity, renting a venue and purchasing supplies for the always popular event.

• **The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy** will use its \$7,500 grant to produce a teaching guide focusing on the wetlands and to produce a promotional brochure for the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center.

• **San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory.** This \$7,317 grant will offset the cost of renting venues for performances in fiscal year 2009-10. The locations are the California Center for the Arts in Escondido and Copley Symphony Hall in downtown San Diego.



NEW DIGS...

The ribbon is about to fall marking the debut of the new headquarters for the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce. Celebrating the occasion were Cardiff Chamber board members (from left) Betty Steele, Linda Lee, Trish Stidham, Brenda Dizon, Encinitas Councilwoman Teresa Barth, Chamber board member Barbara Cobb, Peter Norby, Encinitas Mayor Maggie Houlihan, Chamber Board member Debbie Mitchell, Chamber President Brad Maassen, Chamber Program Manager Tess Radmill, Chamber board member Danny Salzhandler, and Mark Olson, representing Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price. The Cardiff Chamber was allocated county grants for the Rob Machado Surf Classic (\$11,000), slated for the last weekend in September, and to help maintain Carpentier Parkway, help with costs for the Cardiff Kringle Mingle holiday gathering in December, and general operating expenses (\$10,000).

PASSPORT

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educational programs offered at designated county parks throughout the region. Participating parks include: Sweetwater Regional, Otay Lakes, Dos Picos, Lake Morena, Goodan Ranch, Felicita, San Elijo, Rancho Guajome Adobe, and Wilderness Gardens.

Rangers will stamp the passports to confirm completion of each on-site program, which could consist of guided nature walks or tours. A full list of current classes is available on the Parks and Recreation Web site: www.sdparks.org.

A nature lover with six stamps – or about 12 hours of park education – will receive a certificate honoring them as an Official San Diego County Naturalist. The one-time cost to initiate this program is \$15,000, which will be covered by Slater-Price's Community Project funds.

"Implementing this program will showcase the immense value each county park has to offer its surrounding communities," Slater-Price said. "No better time than now to get out in the wild and explore."

For more information on the passport program: www.sdparks.org or call (858) 694-3030.

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